

Parallel Foreign Prosecution

The three foreign counterparts listed in the first paragraph of page 2 of the Office Action are the only foreign counterparts. All prior art made of record therein, to date, have now been cited in the present application.

Allowed Claims of Foreign Counterparts

The German and Canadian counterparts have been granted as patents. An English translation of claim 1 of the German Patent DE 10312825 is attached, as well as the claims in the counterpart Canadian Patent No. 2,518,389.

EPO Counterpart


The European counterpart application No. 1606556 is pending. Attached are copies of prosecution documents from that application, including an English translation of the most recent Office Action, dated February 23, 1010.

If there are any questions relating to this Response or the application in general, please contact the undersigned

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